ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A photosensitive body has a photosensitive layer. An optical scanning device has a deflector deflecting a light flux emitted from a light source, and

5   scans the surface of the photosensitive body by the thus-deflected light flux. A dot is formed at a center between adjacent light fluxes as a result of the adjacent light fluxes being overlapped with one another in a sub-scan direction. A ratio of a static beam-spot

10   diameter Ws in the sub-scan direction on the surface of the photosensitive body defined by $1/e^2$ of the maximum value in the exposure distribution of the beam spot to an interval L between adjacent scan lines satisfies the following formula: $1.2 < Ws / L < 4.5$.